REMARKS

Independent claims 1, 20 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Card et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,838,326, hereinafter Card). However, dependent claim 18, which depends from claim 1 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form.

With the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 18. As such, claim 1 represents claim 18 written in independent form and is therefore in form for allowance based on the statements made in the Office Action.

In addition, the limitation of claim 18 to displaying at least two tasks by displaying an image of a task on a three-dimensional object, has been added to claims 20 and 37. Since this limitation was found to be patentable by the Examiner, the addition of this limitation to claims 20 and 37 make claims 20 and 37 patentable as well. Therefore, claims 1, 20 and 37 and claims 2-17, 19, 21-30, and 38-41, which depend from these claims, are patentable over the cited art.

Claims 31-36

In the Office Action, claim 31 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Card. However, claim 33, which depends from clam 31 through dependent claim 32, was said to be allowable if rewritten in indpendent form. With the present Amendment, claim 31 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 32 and 33. As such, claim 31 represents claim 33 written in independent form. Based on the statements found in the Office Action, claim 31 and claims 34-36 which depend from claim 31, are in form for allowance.

Conclusion

Since Applicants have amended the claims in a manner which the Examiner has indicated would cause the claims to be allowable, claims 1-17, 19-31, and 34-41 are allowable over the
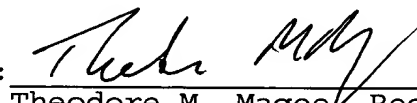
cited art. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF REPLACEMENT CLAIMS

Claims 18, 32 and 33 have been cancelled.

Please amend claims 1, 20, 31, 34, 35 and 37 as follows:

1.(Amended)   A method of generating a display on a computer screen in a computer system, the method comprising:

> displaying a three-dimensional environment;
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> displaying at least two tasks in the three-dimensional environment, each task capable of including an image of at least two windows, at least one task displayed on a three-dimensional object;
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> displaying the movement of one of the tasks in the three dimensional environment in response to input from a user.

20.(Amended)   A computer-readable medium having computer-executable components comprising:

> a display environment component capable of displaying a three-dimensional environment;
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> a display task component capable of displaying at least two window images in each of at least two task images in the three-dimensional environment with at least one task image displayed on a three-dimensional object; and
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> a move task component capable of moving at least one of the task images in the three-dimensional environment in response to input from the user.

31.(Amended)   A method of generating a display on a computer screen, the method comprising:

displaying a non-focus task in a three-dimensional environment, the non-focus task capable of including an image of at least two windows;

displaying a stage area in the three dimensional environment;

displaying a previous focus task in the stage area;

capturing an image of the previous focus task as it appears on the stage area;

replacing the previous focus task with the image of the previous focus task, the image of the previous focus forming a converted non-focus task;

moving the converted non-focus task away from the stage area;

moving the non-focus task to the stage area based on a user input; and

making the non-focus task a focus task by displaying the at least two windows such that the user can manipulate at least a portion of one window.

34.(Amended)   The method of claim 3331 wherein capturing an image of the previous focus task comprises:

moving a virtual camera from a current position to a preferred location in the three-dimensional environment;

rendering the image of the previous focus task from the point of view of the virtual camera;

storing the image of the previous focus task; and

returning the virtual camera to the current position.

35.(Amended)   The method of claim 3331 further comprising:

displaying an image of the three-dimensional environment to the user from the point of view of the current location while the virtual camera is

moved to the preferred location, the image of the previous focus task is rendered and stored and the virtual camera is returned to the current position.

37. (Amended)   A   computer-readable   medium   having   computer-executable components comprising:

> a environment display component capable of displaying a three-dimensional environment on a computer screen, the three-dimensional environment comprising at least one stage and at least one non-focus task comprising images of at least two windows displayed on a three-dimensional object;
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> a movement component capable of displaying animated movement of a non-focus task toward a stage; and
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> a conversion component capable of converting the non-focus task into a focus task when the non-focus task reaches the stage.